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News Briefs

Monthly ceremony

Twelfth Air Force's monthly awards and promotion ceremony is **Nov. 26 at 2 p.m. in the Catalina Room at the Officers' Club.**

Honorees need to be in place by 1:30 p.m. For more information, call 12 AF/PA at 8-6053.

Holiday weekend

Nov. 28 has been designated an Air Combat Command Family Day, which will make Thanksgiving weekend a four-day weekend.

Everyone is encouraged to enjoy the extended weekend in a fun, but safe way using some of the following tips:

1. If you drink, designate a driver before going out or call the AADD program at 850-2233.
2. When planning an outing, apply personal risk management to ensure you return home safely.
3. If you are planning on driving home for the holiday, avoid extended driving periods, take frequent breaks to stretch and don't try to "make that extra mile" before stopping for the night.
4. Above all – keep an eye out and avoid putting yourself into unsafe situations, use the wingman policy – it pays!

12 AF Holiday Party

The Twelfth Air Force Holiday party is Dec. 11 in the Officer's Club ballroom.

Social hour is from 6-7 p.m., followed by dinner and the holiday festivities which include a gift exchange, entertainment and door prizes.

Cost is \$20 for E-5s and above and \$10 for E-4s and below.

Tickets go on sale Nov. 24. Please contact a unit representative or MSgt Brazier at 8-4729, Capt. Dockery at 8-6363 or 2nd Lt. Peden at 8-7008.



TSgt. Marlin Zimmerman

Cutline: (left to right) Mrs. Charlotte Harris, Ms. Dorothy Finley, DM-50; Gen. Cao Gangchuan, Chinese Minister of Defense; Mr. Mike Harris, DM-50; Lt. Gen. Randall M. Schmidt, Twelfth Air Force Commander; General Xiong Guangkai, Deputy Chief of General Staff.

12 AF/CC meets with Chinese MOD

The Twelfth Air Force Commander, Lt. Gen. Randall M. Schmidt met with the Minister of National Defense of the People's Republic of China, Gen. Cao Gangchuan, in Tucson, as part of the Minister's visit to the U.S. in late October.

Gen. Cao arrived with his official party on Oct. 29 at Davis-Monthan Air

Force Base and was met by Lt. Gen. Schmidt. A formal dinner was held at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch with members of the Official Chinese Party, Twelfth Air Force, and members of the DM-50 group.

On Oct. 30, the party received a wind-shield tour of the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center before depart-

ing Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

Lt. Gen. Schmidt said, "This was a very important visit in support of the Secretary of Defense's counterpart visit program. We were very fortunate to have Mrs. Dorothy Finley and Mr. Mike Harris, Chairman of the DM-50, and his wife Charlotte help host the visit."

Officer's military career spans five decades

1st Lt. Sarah Schwennesen
12 Air Force Public Affairs

Dedication comes in many ways, and for one Twelfth Air Force member, the way has been a military career spanning five decades and includes two military retirements.

Lt. Col. William "Bill" Boyd, an air battle manager in the Counter Drug flight of the 612th Theater Operations Group, will be retiring from the Air Force for the second time Feb. 1, 2004.

He had first retired in August 1992 and moved to Utah where he began a second career as a Subway franchise owner. However, the pull of the military life was too strong to be ignored and when the call came for retired rated officers needed to fill short falls, Lt. Col. Boyd volunteered to don the uniform again.

"I was happy to have been given the opportunity to return

back and to do some work for my country again," said Lt. Col. Boyd.

He returned to active duty service Aug. 1, 2001 and has worked in the Counter Drug Flight ever since. His coworkers are "some of the most professional people that I have worked with in my career. I have enjoyed this time immensely. I would do it again, if given the choice."

His military history

Lt. Col. Boyd began his military career March 10, 1958 when he enlisted with the Wyoming Army National Guard as an artillery communications specialist. During his time in the Guard, he attended Brigham Young University and spent 2.5 years in

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Power lunch

(From left) SSgts. Dante Arcenal and George De Leon, 612th Air Base Squadron, and Lt. Gen. Randall Schmidt, 12 Air Force commander, discuss quality of life improvements recently completed at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, over lunch at the Soto Cano Dining Facility on Oct. 25. Lt. Gen. Schmidt recently toured the base and visited many of the Air Force work centers there.

Courtesy photo



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Japan serving church mission. Upon graduation in 1966, then Lt. Boyd received his Reserve Officers Training Corps commission to the Air Force.

As an air force officer, his assignments have been many and varied. Boyd was a weapons controller in Perrin Air Force Base, Texas, before going to Vietnam where he was stationed at the Monkey Mountain Radar Site, east of Danang Air Base, for one year. From there his assignments were as a weapons controller at McChord Air Force Base, Wash.; a computer systems analyst for radar support computers at Great Falls, Mont.; Germany; a ROTC instructor

at the University of Iowa for cadets, then to HQ AFROTC where he was in charge of field training.

Lt. Col. Boyd was also assigned to Tatakna Air Force Station, Alaska; HQ NORAD in Colorado Springs, Colo.; then a move to Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. changed his career by moving him into the Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) where he became an air battle manager. He continued his AWACS work in Anchorage, Alaska before returning to Tinker where he soon retired for the first time.

Upon his second retirement, Lt. Col. Boyd will retire with a total of more than 30 years of active duty service.



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Congratulations Chief-selects



CMSgt (S) Melvin French, 612th Air Support Squadron, and CMSgt (S) Robert Madigan, 612th Air Communications Squadron.

Got a story idea?

Does your workcenter have a new mission or some hi-tech equipment? Has someone in your unit recently participated in a major sports event or have a unique hobby, call 12th Air Force Public Affairs at 228-6053.

Top of the 12th

SrA Crystal Andrews, is an Information Manager in 12th Air Force/A4.

"SrA Andrews is an outstanding young airman with a bright future within the Air Force. Her demonstrated take-charge attitude and dependability place her well above of her peers. I have no doubts this young airman will enjoy continued success throughout her career," said MSgt. Tony Salazar, Superintendent, Logistics Information.



SrA Andrews

Years of service: 3

Hometown: Susanville, Calif.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities: Performs information management tasks supporting 12 AF Logistics and 48 personnel. Responsible for 72 computer systems and 25 printers, including trouble-shooting computer problems, conducting anti-virus program updates, and installing Microsoft patches and other applications. Inputs and retrieves personnel rosters, prepares TDY orders, and updates slide presentations. Provides administrative support to the AFFOR logistics work center during exercises and contingencies.

Favorite aspects of D-M: As a 3A0X1, Info Mgr's can move to different squadrons throughout the base. This flexibility provides a unique opportunity to acquire training from various resources.

If you could change one thing to improve D-M, what would it be? I don't think I would make a change as I'm overly impressed with the continuous improvement efforts I see already throughout the base (i.e, Child Development Center, Base Gym, Front Gate, etc.,) However, if I were to make a change I would start with the grocery prices at the commissary.

What motivates your winning attitude? A strong desire to do the best that I can for my co-workers and country alike.

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